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Post's Weiser Named

Times, Inquirer Writers Win Polk Awards

NEW YORK, March 3 (UPI)-Two New York Times correspondents won George Polk Awards for their international coverage and two Philadelphia Inquirer reporters took the award for national reporting, it was announced here today.

Washington Post staff writer Benjamin Weiser won a Polk award for medical reporting for his series called "As They Lay Dying."

A CBS reporter won in the network television reporting category for his coverage of the Soviet Union, and a television history of Vietnam took the documentary TV category award.

The Polk awards, established in 1949 by Long Island University, are based on recommendations by a 130-member panel of advisers made up of former winners, media executives, writers and academicians. The prizes will be presented April 4.

The New York Times reporters, Joseph Lelyveld, who won the foreign reporting category for coverage of South Africa, and Philip Taubman, who won the foreign affairs reporting category for his coverage of covert U.S. military operations in Central America. Both were previous Polk winners.

Robert Frump and Timothy Dwyer of the Philadelphia Inquirer won the Polk award for national reporting for their series on unsafe vessels in the U.S. maritime fleet.

Other Polk Award recipients were:

 Paul Lieberman and Cella Dugger of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution in the regional reporting category for their series,
"Kaolin: Georgia's Lost Inheritance."

Jim McGee of the Miami Herald in the local reporting category for the series, "The Face of Terror."

. Dennis Camire and Mark Rohner of Gannett News Service in the economics reporting category for the series, FmHA: The Golden Yoke."

• Marcia Stepanek and Stephen Franklin of the Detroit

Free Press in the consumer reporting category for a series on unsafe autos.

. Don McNeill of CBS News in the network television re-

porting for coverage of the Soviet Union.

John Fosholt and Ward Lucas of KBTV News, Denver, in the local television reporting category for the program "Theft

. "Vietnam: A Television History," produced by WGBH, Boston, and afred on the Public Broadcasting System, in the

documentary television category.

The Amicus Journal, published by the Natural Resources Defense Council, in the special interest reporting category.

. Youssel M. ibrahim of the Wall Street Journal for coverage of Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' deliberations, in the special award category

William Shirer, journalist, author and historian in the special career award calegory.